

Remarks

With entry of the present amendment, claims 26-27, 65-66, 75, 77, 79-83 are pending.

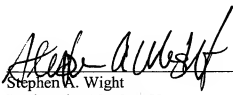
Claims 25-27, 63-64, 67-71 and 75-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman et al., in view of Yang et al. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims (or rewritten dependent references of the dependent claims), without prejudice, simply to expedite issuance of a patent including claims drawn to the subject matter currently agreed allowable by the Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a separate continuation application.

In the Action mailed November 11, 2005, claim 65 is allowed. All other claims now depend from claim 65, and therefore also incorporate the allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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